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Management Agency representatives.

A special presentation was made near the end of the dedication ceremony when Elba City Councilman Ronnie Hammonds read a resolution officially declaring the walking trail atop a portion of the levee in Elba as the Mayor James E. Grimes Riverwalk Trail.

Grimes appeared touched by the sentiment and said he had no idea the announcement was going to be made during the ceremony. A sign was unveiled at the levee entrance near Putnam Street after the resolution was read by Hammonds.

A demonstration of the flood gate on Caroline Street and lunch concluded the event.

Above: Elba Mayor James Grimes and his wife, Henrietta, stand beside the sign unveiled last Friday, June 1, during the Levee Rehabilitation Dedication Ceremony after a resolution was read officially declaring the walking trail atop a portion of the Elba levee as the Mayor James E. Grimes Riverwalk Trail. The sign is located at the levee entrance next to Putnam Street in downtown Elba.

Right: Elba City Clerk Wayne Grantham is shown addressing the crowd of interested citizens and dignitaries that gathered on Caroline Street for a demonstration of the flood gate immediately following the levee rehabilitation dedication ceremony last Friday.

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Coffee County Commission hires new administrator

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission conducted a very long meeting Monday, June 11, that ended with the hiring of a new county administrator.

After working through the items on the agenda, commission chairman Jim Thompson made a motion to change the location of the meeting to conduct interviews for the county administrator's position. Following the interviews, he said the commission would return to the meeting room for deliberations on hiring an administrator. The interviews were considered a part of the commission meeting and were open to the public.

His motion passed. Commissioner Bernest Brooks was against it, however.

Commissioners conducted four interviews. During the interview process, Thompson asked each candidate six prepared questions. This was fol-

lowed by any additional questions from the seven commissioners.

After all was tallied, commissioner Tom Grimsley made a motion to hire Kathy Lolley as the county administrator for \$75,000 per year. His motion received a second from commissioner Doug Dalrymple and passed by a 4-2-1 vote. In favor were commissioners Grimsley, Dalrymple, Linda Westbrook and J.L. Weeks. Opposing the vote were commissioners Thompson and Robert Stephens.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks abstained from the vote. Stephens said his vote did not reflect anything personal against Lolley. Instead, he said he could not vote to pay two administrators at the same time (Wilson Mobley remains on paid administrative leave).

Kathy Lolley

commission

answered question for Lolley regarding her earned leave time and said she will be getting a new vehicle to use as administrator. She accepted the job and told commissioners she can begin work as county administrator on Monday, July 9.

Also during Monday's meeting, commissioners held a rather lengthy executive session with Craig Dilliard, attorney with Webb and Eley, to discuss pending litigation. Following the executive session, no action was taken.

Revenue commissioner Ronnie Burns addressed commissioners to discuss the annual tax settlement, a yearly require-

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County BOE tables discussion regarding superintendent's salary

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Coffee County Board of Education meeting held Thursday, June 7, board members began but then tabled a discussion regarding the salary of Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram.

Towards the end of the meeting, board chairman Charles Walker said he would like to hold a discussion regarding Dr. Ingram's contract. He said since her contract was renewed, Dr. Ingram has not gotten a pay raise unlike other personnel. Her contract does not allow for a raise unless approved by the board.

Walker said he would like to look at giving Dr. Ingram a raise and made a motion to grant her a 5 percent pay raise for the 2006-07 school year. Also, his motion called for a 7 percent pay raise for the 2007-08 school year if the state approves the legislation regarding proposed pay raises for educators, and in the future, Walker said he would like to see Ingram receive any other state approved pay raise for educators without board approval.

His motion received a second from board member Larry Eddins.

Walker further said the clause in Ingram's contract leaving the decision of her pay raise to the board was included because of him. He said he believed the board should make the decision on whether or not the superintendent gets a raise.

Board vice chairman Danny Jernigan said Ingram has proven herself, and he is all for her getting a raise. He said he wants the Coffee County School System to be viewed as a good system that rewards people who do a good job.

Board member Annette Griswold also agreed that Ingram deserves a raise, however, she said she was not sure she agreed with the 5 percent plus 7 percent raise. Wanting more time for discussion of the matter, Griswold made a motion with a second from board member Galen McWaters to table the discussion. She also asked for a work session prior to the board's next meeting.

Jernigan recommended the board hold a work session 15 minutes prior to the next board meeting.

Griswold's motion to table was approved by a majority vote. Those voting in favor included Griswold, McWaters, Rubin McKinnon and Jimmy Clark.

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Commissioner of Agriculture Ron Sparks released a brief statement Tuesday announcing he will not be a candidate for the U. S. Senate next year. Senator Jeff Sessions will face the voters again next year and there are reportedly been much pressure on Sparks to run. The commissioner, a Democrat, can't run for re-election to his state office, has been mentioned as a candidate for governor as well as this national office. We are a bit relieved at the announcement. While no one has asked our opinion, there was one waiting just in case someone did indicate a desire to hear it. We like Sparks and didn't want to be forced into choosing between him and Jeff Sessions.

Alabama made national news again last week, but not the good kind. Pictures of the fist swinging by Senator Charles Bishop at Senator Lowell Barron (and connecting) went everywhere. Alabama reaction has been mixed with many upset at it happening and others upset Bishop didn't get a better swing at Barron, who was long overdue a good punch in the nose. Regardless of an individual's position on the above, hopefully we can all agree that the floor of the state senate was not the place to express such feelings.

Some interesting tidbits gleaned from... well from all around: Florida Governor Charlie Crist's approval ratings are high at home, but in the Holy Land he is absolutely despised, the Palm Beach Post reported recently. Making a trade visit to Israel this week, the freshman Republican was greeted by a headline in the English-language Jerusalem Post that read: "Christ visits Jerusalem." The accompanying photo of a silver-haired, clean-shaven Crist (without an "h" in his name) probably dispelled any confusion.

A prosecutor has dropped charges against a woman who was arrested for starting it and making faces at a police dog. The woman was charged with cruelty to a police animal after a July 31 incident in West Fairlee, Vt. After a heated exchange with some police officers, she reportedly approached the police cruiser, where the dog Max was waiting, putting her face within inches of the window and "staring at him in a taunting/harassing manner," so said the Chelsea, Vt. police. Our advice... don't make faces at the friendly neighborhood police dog... you insult (or embarrass) the animal.

A 17-year-old track star in New York State recently died and the cause of death was the use of too much muscle cream, the kind used to soothe aching legs after exercise. Reportedly her body absorbed high levels of methyl salicylate, an anti-inflammatory found in sports creams such as Bengay and Icy Hot, the New York City medical examiner said. "Chronic use is more dangerous than one-time use," according to medical experts addressing this case. "Exercise and heat can accentuate absorption." They thing she either lathered herself with it, or used way too much, or the used a normal amount and an abnormal percentage was absorbed into her body. Scary.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, June 4, 2007, investigated the following incidents: seven for criminal possession of a forged instrument, one for criminal mischief, four for theft of property, one for criminal trespassing, four for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for domestic violence, one for forgery, one for a minor in possession of alcohol, one for giving a false name to law enforcement, one runaway juvenile, one for harassment, one sexual incident, one for failure to pay and one for a private property accident.

The following arrests were made: one for minor in possession of alcohol, three for possession of drug paraphernalia, seven for possession of a forged instrument and one for receiving stolen property.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: eighteen for not wearing a seat belt, one for giving a false name to law enforcement, four for speeding, two for no proof of insurance, one for no tag light, one for operating without insurance, one for violation of the noise ordinance, one for no insurance at the scene of an accident and one for improper equipment.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, JUNE 4 - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 617 Mullins Circle (12:33 a.m.); Report of a gun being discharged near 866 Cedar Lane Dr. (12:42 a.m.); Wreck reported on Martin Luther King Dr. (4:19 p.m.).

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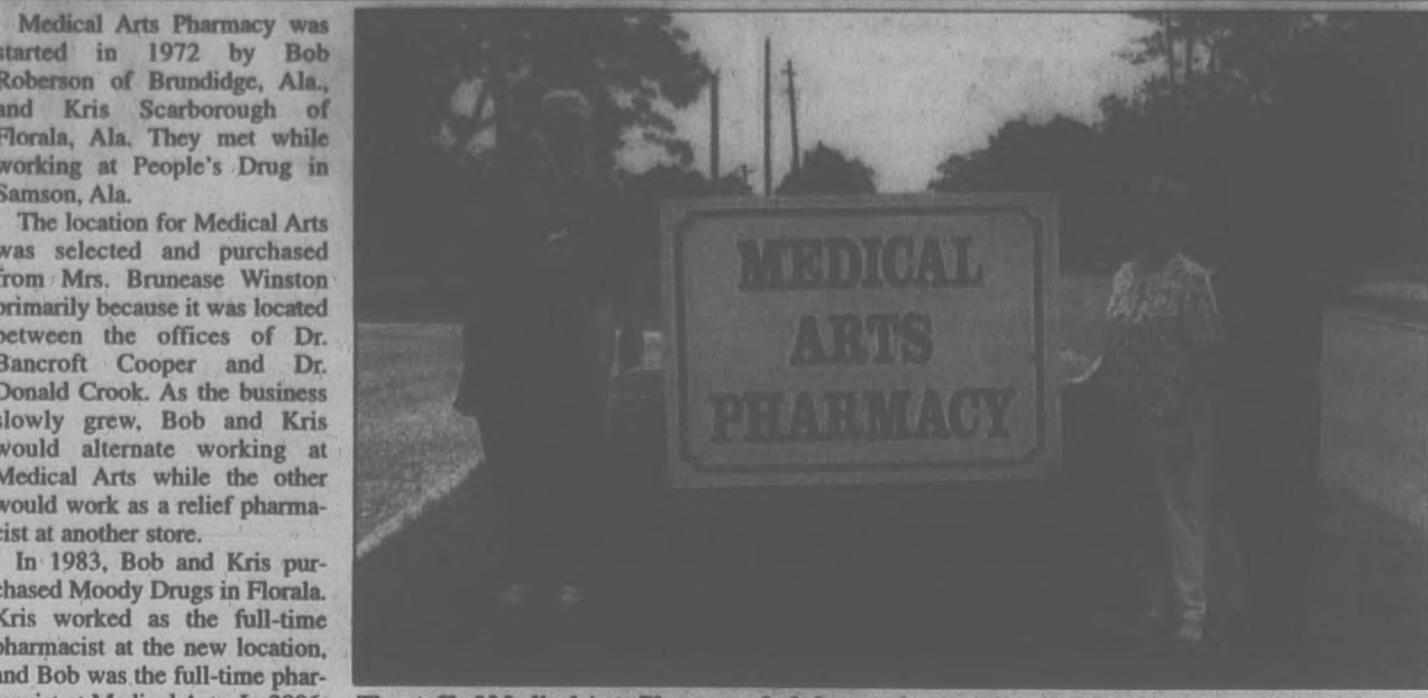
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EDITORIAL

Elba Chamber of Commerce presents the Business of the Month

Medical Arts Pharmacy



The staff of Medical Arts Pharmacy feels honored to be selected as June's "Business of the Month." Only a portion of the staff is shown above to include (from left to right): Kelley Bryan-Klase, Bob Robertson, Elizabeth Elliott and Cathynette Carpenter-Cross. The pharmaceutical business has been in operation in Elba since 1972 and is owned by Bob Robertson and Kris Scarborough.

Medical Arts Pharmacy was started in 1972 by Bob Robertson of Brundidge, Ala., and Kris Scarborough of Florala, Ala. They met while working at People's Drug in Samson, Ala.

The location for Medical Arts was selected and purchased from Mrs. Brunease Winston primarily because it was located between the offices of Dr. Bancroft Cooper and Dr. Donald Crock. As the business slowly grew, Bob and Kris would alternate working at Medical Arts while the other would work as a relief pharmacist at another store.

In 1983, Bob and Kris purchased Moody Drugs in Florala. Kris worked as the full-time pharmacist at the new location, and Bob was the full-time pharmacist at Medical Arts. In 2006, Moody Drugs was sold and Kris returned to work with Bob at Medical Arts. Each works two to three days a week while the other enjoys the days off.

Bob and Kris would like to thank the great employees who have worked at Medical Arts over the years. They believe that through the daily interaction with the customers and their

recently returned for two days a week, Debbie Huggins, who has worked for 10 years; Kelley Bryan-Klase, who has worked for six months; Elizabeth Elliott, who has worked for 32 years; and Cathynette

Carpenter-Cross, who has been employed with Medical Arts for four years, are to be commended for their hard work.

The employees and customers are to be recognized and thanked for their loyalty which has led to many years of success for Medical Arts Pharmacy.

The Medical Arts staff also takes this opportunity to say "thanks" to the Elba Chamber of Commerce for selecting us as "Business of the Month."

Commissioners approved the low bid for construction of Cell 6 at the county landfill. This bid went to Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,927,137.50.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, June 25, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

Also during the meeting, board members discussed holding the next meeting some time during the week of June 25th.

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Elba High School enrolled at The University of Alabama in 2005. Since that time she has been actively involved on campus participating in Student Government Association, University Honors Program, Business Honors Program, Phi Eta Sigma, National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Phi Mu. She is the daughter of Gary and Jenny Allen of Elba, Alabama.

KATHLEEN BRUNSON WARREN

Mrs. Kathleen Brunson Warren of Birmingham, Ala., formerly of Elba, died Thursday, June 7, 2007, at her home in Birmingham.

Burial took place in Birmingham this past weekend. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Warren, Birmingham.

Survivors include three daughters: Judy Scott, Buffalo, Mo.; Janet Warren, Atlanta, Ga.; Kathy Nunn, Springfield, Mo.; one son: James Warren, Birmingham; three sisters: Allene Brunson Ball, Davidson, N.C.; Mildred Brock, Birmingham, Hazel Prior, Stone Mountain, Ga.; and one brother: Lamar Brunson, Leeds, Ala.

GENESSE BLACKMON RHODES

Mrs. Genesee Blackmon Rhodes, age 58, of Luverne, Ala., died Monday, June 11, 2007, at her home in Luverne.

Funeral services will be held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, June 14, at 11 a.m. with Rev. Don Grantham officiating. Burial will follow in the

Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Visitation was held at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 13, from 6-8 p.m.

Mrs. Rhodes was preceded in death by her husband, O. J. Rhodes; parents, Lex Blackmon and Edna Seymore Blackmon; a sister, Rebecca Handley; and a grandson, Troy Beaulieu.

Survivors include five daughters: Linda Hall and Glenda Ann Hall, both of Elba, Maria Rhodes, Rutledge, Ala., Michelle Mount and Jennifer Rhodes, both of Luverne; two sons: Friday Rhodes, Petrey, Ala.; David Adams, Luverne; one sister: Patti White, Atoka, Okla.; two brothers: Omer Blackmon, Elba, Braxton Blackmon, Samson, Ala.; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

JAMES GARDNER CLARK JR.

On June 7, 2007 an obituary was published following the death of Mr. James Clark Jr. The family requested the addition of a relative who was not named in the original death notice submitted to the newspaper.

Mr. James Gardner Clark Jr., age 84, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, June 4, 2007, at Elba Nursing Home in Elba.

Mr. Clark is a former Sheriff of Dallas County, Alabama, serving from 1955 - 1966.

Funeral services will be held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, June 8, at 11 a.m. with Minister Philip Box officiating. Burial will follow in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elba. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Friday, June 8, from 10-11 a.m. The Clark

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ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP every Monday 6:30 p.m.-Elba United Methodist Church-enter on side on W. Davis St.-Maggie Garrett Classroom.

COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

LEADS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supg. Office

AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month-7:00 p.m. Legion Hall - Troy Hwy.

MASONIC LODGE 178 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.

BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 994-5635

COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House

COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Po Folks, Enterprise

ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Thursday at 5 P.M., the PRO office at the Airport

AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - ElbaHigh boys locker room

NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

ELBA KENNEL CLUB - 2nd & 4th Thursday - Noon - Elba Public Library

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These included:

• Certified

• Accept the retirement of Jane Logan, special education teacher at Kinston School.

• Accept the resignation of Lydia Courson. Mrs. Courson was employed at the last meeting as an elementary teacher at Kinston School but has decided to not accept the position.

• Accept the resignation of Kristin Sinton from her position as sixth grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School to P-12 special education teacher at Kinston School.

• Accept the resignation of Angie St. John, sixth grade teacher at Zion Chapel School.

• Accept the resignation of Ashley Sheffield from her position as first grade teacher at Zion Chapel School to sixth grade teacher at Zion Chapel School.

• Support

• Accept the resignation of Kim Anderson as CNP worker at New Brockton High School. Mrs. Anderson was employed at the last meeting but decided to not accept the position.

• Employ Sonya Adams as CNP worker at New Brockton High School.

• Employ Kimberly Kilpatrick as CNP worker at New Brockton High School.

• Employ Sylvialeen House as CNP worker at Zion Chapel School.

• Employ Sally Danford as bus driver for New Brockton Schools.

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ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

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LEADS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supg. Office

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COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Po Folks, Enterprise

ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Thursday at 5 P.M., the PRO office at the Airport

AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - ElbaHigh boys locker room

NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

ELBA KENNEL CLUB - 2nd & 4th Thursday - Noon - Elba Public Library

Note of Thanks

As a family we wish to express our deepest and most sincere heartfelt thanks for the prayers, thoughts, flowers, food and charitable donations during Marion's illness and death. We are deeply moved by the kindness and generosity of our friends.

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Obituaries

LEONA HATAWAY HOLLAND

Mrs. Leona Hataway Holland, age 76, of Troy, Ala., died Monday, June 4, 2007, at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Fla.

Funeral services were held June 9, 2007 at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend James Hataway and Reverend Lewis Miller officiating. Burial followed in the New Home Cemetery near Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Holland was preceded in death by her husband, Henry D. Holland Jr.

Survivors include two sons: Ronnie D. (wife Lisa) Holland, Pensacola, Fla.; Roger W. Holland, Crestview, Fla.; one daughter: Rebecca (husband Lewis) Miller, Keystone Heights, Fla.; one brother: Clinton Hataway, Enterprise, Ala.; three sisters: Eloise Hamilton, Marianna, Fla.; Jody Roberts, Perry, Fla.; Louise Cole, Elba; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

LARUE REDGIE KELLEY

Mr. LaRue Redgie Kelley, age 66, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, June 8, 2007, at Floyd Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held June 11, 2007 at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Wayne Webber and Derek Snellgrove officiating. A family committal service will follow at a later date.

Survivors include his wife: Mary Nell Kelley, Elba; two daughters: Venessa (husband Brad) Allen and Melissa Kelley, both of Elba; two sons: Chip Kelley, Elba, Lee LaRue Kelley, Enterprise, Ala.; one sister: Karin Snellgrove, Jack, Ala.; two brothers: James Kelley, Geneva, Ala.; Roland Kelley, Elba; one grandson: Josh Kelley, Prattville, Ala.; and four granddaughters: Emily Kelley, Prattville, Sarah Allen, Laura Allen and Bekah Allen, all of Elba, Ala.

Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Visitation was held at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, June 13, from 6-8 p.m.

Mrs. Rhodes was preceded in death by her husband, O. J. Rhodes; parents, Lex Blackmon and Edna Seymore Blackmon; a sister, Rebecca Handley; and a grandson, Troy Beaulieu.

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SCHOOLS

Tiger Tales

Editors:
Ashton Rodriguez
& Clara Burrows

EES holds Awards Day program for students

Elba Elementary School held its annual awards day Friday, May 25. Grades 1-3 held their awards ceremony at 9 a.m. in the EES cafeteria; whereas the 4th through 6th grades held their program at 1:30 p.m. Students received awards for receiving all As, all As and Bs, various outstanding class awards and various other achievement awards.



Kindergarten graduation held at Elba Elementary School



Kindergarten graduation was held Tuesday, May 29, at 8:30 a.m. in the Elba Elementary School cafeteria. The parents and guests in attendance were entertained by the musical talents of the kindergarten class of 2007. The highlight of the morning was the awarding of the diplomas by Principal Lakeisha Brakins, who was assisted by Ms. Gina Price. After the diplomas were awarded, the young graduates were honored with a party, and they were dismissed from school for the day.

EOCC offers ongoing free adult education classes

Through Enterprise-Ozark Community College's Adult Education Consortium, adults 16 years of age and older can

take advantage of free classes to earn their GED and improve skills in reading, writing, mathematics, and communication.

Classes are available in an ongoing basis year round in the Coffee, Dale, Geneva, and Pike County school systems, and Daleville, Enterprise, Elba, Geneva, Ozark, and Troy city schools.

"Enterprise-Ozark Community College offers 26 Adult Education classes in the Wiregrass area," says Harvey Watt, Associate Dean of Instruction/Special Projects. "We have four classes in Geneva County, four in Pike County, five in Dale County, 13 in Coffee County, and even one in Mobile."

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recently to be recognized."

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Classes in English, as a Second Language are offered as well through the Adult Education program. These free classes provide non-English speaking individuals with assistance in improving their English writing, reading, and listening skills. Day and evening classes are available. All instruction, materials, and supplies are provided free of charge for all adult education classes. For more information call (334) 347-2623, ext. 2218 or on the Enterprise Campus.



JOURNALISM STAFF SELECTED FOR 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR. On Thursday, May 24, the Journalism staff for the 2007-2008 school year was announced. This year applicants had to show their creativity by submitting a page for the yearbook or Tiger Times, which showed their creativity, use of colors, photography skills, writing skills, etc. This year's staff is as follows: Ashton Rodriguez (Elba Editor), Maisie Thomas (Elba Coeditor), Erica Daniels ("Tiger Tales" Editor), Kelley Corder ("Tiger Tales" Coeditor), Yoquesha Terry (Tiger Times Editor), Megan Sullivan (Tiger Times Coeditor), Karen Huckabae (Chief Photographer), April Price (Business Manager), Kimberly Blue, Meagan Anderson, Chessi Cross and Kiera Robertson.



Sixth grade students honored with graduation ceremony

Elba Elementary School held its 2007 Graduation Ceremony Wednesday, May 30, at 7 p.m. in the EHS Auditorium. The family and other guests in attendance enjoyed a patriotic musical and dramatic presentation directed by Mrs. Nancy Crowe. The sixth graders showed off their talents as spent their last moments as elementary students and looked to their 7th grade year ahead. Their diplomas were awarded by Mrs. Lakeisha Brakins, who was assisted by Ms. Gina Price. After the ceremony, the parents of the graduates honored them for their accomplishments by throwing them a "Hollywood" themed party and dance.

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Elba High School Class of 1952 gathers for reunion



Members of the Elba High School Class of 1952 gathered Friday, June 8, at 10 a.m. at Elba United Methodist Church fellowship hall for their 55th class reunion.

Out of the class of 61, there are 41 living and 21 of these were at the reunion, along with eight spouses for a total of 29. The group decided to meet annually in the future. They last met for their 50th class reunion in 2002.

June Kendrick Hamm, class president, welcomed the group and invited them to have refreshments and spend time visiting before a barbecue lunch was served at noon. Attending from out of state: Henri Ann Taylor, Orlando, Fla.; and Betty Jo Ham, Pensacola, Fla. Spouses attending included Jim Gilmer, Lloyd Lewis, Catherine Hudson, Mike Morrow, Ed Gullion, Kate Hudson, Carol Griffin and Ralph Sharpless.

At 11 a.m., a photographer arrived to take individual and group photos. June Hamm used her third grade teaching experience to get everybody in a group for the photographer. The photos were developed during lunch and distributed to those attending. A group photo will also be sent to each classmate not able to attend the reunion.

Nell Gilmer invited everybody to take a tour of the new playground and inspect the "water mister" that was donated by the Class of 1952. They were happy to learn the old school facade will get a facelift with new roof, ceiling, bricks replaced, etc. this summer by a retired builder. They were all invited to attend Art in the Park on Saturday evening.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Zion Chapel High School Honor Rolls 4th Nine Weeks

"A" Honor Roll
7th Grade: Huey Green, Cheyenne Nelson, Sindi Paul
8th Grade: Kelli Behrens, Erin Dismukes, Paige Gibson, Kayla Hurd, Faith Ketchum
9th Grade: Dillon Davis, Heather Hines, Rebecca Hodge, Nicole Holloway, Nicole Mauldin, Nicole Napper, Landan Peters
10th Grade: Amber Grissett
11th Grade: Stephanie Collier, Brittany Dismukes, Victoria Hodge, Sheena Hussey, Brittany Layton, Luke Peters, Jonas Simmons
12th Grade: Todd Grant, Erica Lewis, Jennifer Taylor, Stacy Williams, Matt Williams

"A/B" Honor Roll
7th Grade: Megan Cox, Audrey Deal, Ashton Dean, Charis Little, Erica Logan, LeAnna Miles, Courtney Napper, Cassandra Nelson, Markel Senn, Melissa Stobinski, Caleb Walden, Zack Ward
8th Grade: Kayla Bagwell, Brandon Barnhill, Will Bedsole, Shelby Boswell, Hilarie Davis, Michelle Downing, Hayden Ellis, Marli Falls, Trevor Folcorelli, Blake Hendricks, Camden Kelley, Sydney Williamson
9th Grade: Sierra Bush, Hillary Davis, Aaron Grant, Logan Leverett, Heather McCollough, Daniel Powell, Angela Sheppard, Brittany Simmons, Garrett Stinson, Kayla Tracy, Lance Walden
10th Grade: Carol Ann Banks, Matthew Cory Carter, Kirsten Collins, Janie Hall, Jessica Lee, Andrew Little, Cristen Patterson, Steven Pettry, Ashley Quattlebaum, Wongpiti Songsakul

11th Grade: Stephanie Berry, Brittany Cardwell, Logan Carnley, Jessica Carroll, Raigan Elliott, John Wayne Lambert, Brooke Stinson, Caitlin White, Harry White, Anna Wilson
12th Grade: Adam Carter, Caleb Downing, Kala Killingsworth, Jenna Mobley, Joshua Nelson, Ashley Parrish, Kelly Quattlebaum, Heather Reeves, Keagan White, Loyd White



Annsley Padgett

Annsley Padgett participates in annual dance recital in Dothan

Dothan and Enterprise Schools of Dance presented their 35th Annual Recital on May 19, 2007.

Three recitals were performed in the course of one day. The Dothan younger children's recital was at 10:30 a.m., the Enterprise students' recital was at 1:30 p.m., and the Dothan older students presented their concert at 7 p.m.

All recitals were at the Dothan Civic Center. The theme for this year's recitals was "Dancing with the Stars."

Tracy Solomon and Debra Boyd choreographed the performances. Tracy has owned the Enterprise School of Dance and the Dothan School of Dance since 1977.

Performance awards were presented at the dress rehearsal Thursday, May 17.

Annsley Padgett received two trophies-one for her completion of six years with the studio and top sales ad. For her sales ad, she was featured on the cover of the program.

Annsley takes ballet, tap, clogging, jazz, and acrobatics. She is the daughter of Kyle and Dana Padgett of Elba and the granddaughter of Jack and Sylvia Padgett, Charlotte and Ken Anderson, and Danny and Vicky Stinson. She is the great-granddaughter of Edna Sue Stinson and Wayne and Nellie Taylor.

Annsley has one brother, Avery, who enjoyed his sister's performances.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Sandra Kaye Fuller was born on May 22, 2007. She weighed 4 lbs 15 oz. and was 17 3/4 inches long.

She is the daughter of Kevin and Shelia Fuller of Elba. Her grandparents are Jerry and Judy Fuller of Elba and Lenard and Margie Henderson of Dothan.

Newbia Baptist Church plans Vacation Bible School June 18th-23rd

Newbia Baptist Church will hold Vacation Bible School during the evenings of Monday, June 18, through Saturday, June 23, from 6-8:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

New Brockton High School releases honor rolls for fourth reporting period

"A" Honor Roll
7th Grade: Claire Bailey, Savannah Ellis, Jena Freese, Sanh Herbert, Faith Swanson
8th Grade: Whitney Brantley, Brittany Clarke, Nathan Compher, Ja'micah Dunn, Brandi Hendrix, Heather Hendrix, Chelsey Holloway, Belinda Jones-Pitt, Steven Smith
9th Grade: Shelby Brown, Abby Dunaway, Justin Farris, Adam Pope
10th Grade: Chelsea Dempsey, Erica Locklin, Daniel Pair, Jessica Parrish, Chelsea Smith
11th Grade: Josh Adkison, Kristine Fitzgerald, Rachel Troyer, Beth Vaughan
12th Grade: Justin Corbett, Brandon Griswold, Tyler Moore, Andrea Proffitt

"A-B" Honor Roll
7th Grade: Shelby Adkins, Amber Barnett, Ryan Boop, Priscilla Bryan, Sloan Cotter, Coleman, Sloan Cotter, Kaitlan Crosby, Lindsey Foster, Andrew Furukawa, Abbey Gatlin, James Haynes, Laken Hornsby, Dannelly Mock, Darian Morrow

8th Grade: Cailynn Bastion, Logan Berry, Alyssa Brown, Shelby Caradine, Robert Driggers, Dakota Morris, Michael Potete, Kayla Purvis, Courtney Williams, Marlena Williams
9th Grade: Mollie Brown, Britney Costigan, Jessica Hilyer, Skylar Lee, Cassidy Moore, Ebonee Muhammad, Josh Stanton, Kelly Wood, Kristin Wood
10th Grade: Kayla Farnon, Maranda Foust, Ashley Horton, Kayla Kerrigan, Brittany Oglesby, Anna Beth Sawyer
11th Grade: Jacklynn Broxton, Emilee Dunn, Andrew Fuller, Megan Grosland, Katherine Johnson, Monica Largess, Bethany Lott, Kiswana Neal, Kendall Persin, Aaron Pope, Kurstie Stanton
12th Grade: Alexa Adams, Adam Crosby, Valarie Hutcherson, Vanna Marshall, Ben Parrish, Matt Rogers, Tori Stone, Ashley Tidwell, Chastity Wood

New Brockton High School Honor Rolls - Final Semester Average

"A" Honor Roll
7th Grade: Claire Bailey, Amber Barnett, Savannah Ellis, Lindsey Foster, Jena Freese, Abbey Gatlin, Sanh Herbert, Darian Morrow, Matthew Richard, Olivia Sasser
8th Grade: Cailynn Bastion, Whitney Brantley, Brittany Clarke, Ja'micah Dunn, Brandi Hendrix, Heather Hendrix, Chelsey Holloway, Steven Smith, Courtney Williams
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7th Grade: Shelby Adkins, Ryan Boop, Rebel Boswell, Priscilla Bryan, Sloan Cotter, Kaitlan Crosby, Andrew Furukawa, Coy Green, James Haynes, Laken Hornsby, Robynn Mayo, Lexis Melvin, Dannelly Mock, Keanthony Newson, Allison Snell, Kimberly Stephenson, Taten Swanson, Bethne Walden

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12th Grade: Alexa Adams, Justin Corbett, Heath Hollis, Valarie Hutcherson, Vanna Marshall, Tyler Moore, Jamie Motley, Ashley Stanford, Tori Stone, Ashley Tidwell, Chastity Wood

SPORTS

Views From....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

With the price of gasoline over \$3 a gallon and electricity rates at an all time high, I seem to be fighting a constant battle to keep from cashing my paycheck at a gas station or at city hall. The girls are both working, but love to ride around at night, which burns lots of gas, and every time I come home from work the thermostat is set at 65 degrees and the air conditioner is running wide open. I know it gets hot at home, but I change the setting back up to 77 when I get home, then listen to everyone else fuss until its bed time. Hey, maybe the girls ride around to stay cool!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** The All-Star teams were announced last week in Elba, and as always there were some very good players that didn't make the teams. Only twelve players can make the teams in softball, while in baseball the rosters are limited to thirteen players. That means more players don't make the teams than do, and that always leads to upset players and parents. The coaches in the leagues pick their all-star teams based on talent, position and attitude, and it is easy to understand why the parents and players get upset when certain players make the team and others don't. Everyone just has to believe that the coaches did their best and need to support the teams when they get to the tournaments.

*** School may be out at Elba High, but the Tigers are hard at work in both football and baseball as the coaches look ahead to next season. In football, Coach Rials and his staff are holding workouts twice a day, four days a week for the returning players, while over in baseball, Coach Bucklew has almost his entire team playing summer ball a couple of nights a week around the area. I'm sure Coach Johnson will try and find time for his basketball players to get in some summer work before long, and know the girls involved in softball are also hard at work playing summer ball to improve their skills. If you are an athlete school never ends.

*** Carroll High head football coach Ronnie Cottrell was back in the news last week with his resignation at the Ozark school. Cottrell had been the Eagles head coach the past two seasons and had begun to turn the football program around. However, his never-ending lawsuit against the NCAA and a sports writer has obviously taken its toll on the former Florida State and Alabama assistant coach, and Cottrell announced last week he felt it was time to exit coaching. I have known Coach Cottrell since his days as the head football coach at Kinston, and while I have absolutely no doubts about his character and love of the game, I can understand that he has to be burned out mentally. Good luck, coach, with your future in and out of sports.

*** Another tidbit of information that came out of Cottrell's resignation was word that former Elba Tiger assistant Jerey Wise was possibly heading for Dothan High as the team's linebacker coach. Coach Wise had been on Cottrell's staff for the past two seasons at Ozark, but is continuing to move up the ladder in the coaching ranks, and has to be building a resume to become a head coach some time soon.

*** In closing... Elba lost one of its true "City Fathers" last week when Marion Brunson passed away after a long illness. No one that has ever lived in Elba loved our city more than Judge Brunson, and few ever brought more fame to their family name than my friend that was never too busy to stop and smile, and give you a genuine hug. Judge Brunson was a true friend to many, and I will always cherish the fact I was included on that list.

City pool open for summer

The Elba City Pool, located at Hawkins-Williams Park, in Elba is now open for the summer. The pool will be open from 12 (noon) until 5 p.m. on Tuesday through Saturday, and from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission will be \$2 for children ages 12 and under and \$3 for all over the age of 12. All swimmers are required to wear swimming suits. No cut off jeans, shorts or other pants may be worn, as well as t-shirts. For more information call the Elba Dept. of Parks and Recreation 897-6833 or the city pool 897-0555.

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On ASWA All-State list

Kinston sweeps 1A softball honors

The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its 2007 "All-State" high school softball team last week with Kinston's Kaliegh Sanders and Coach Janis Wiggins taking home top honors in Class 1A.

Sanders, a senior, was named the 1A "Player of the Year," and played a major role in helping the Lady Bulldogs win the '07 state championship. Inside the pitching circle, Sanders posted a 20-5 record with a 1.36 earned run average and 221 strike-outs in 153 1/3 innings pitched. Defensively, she committed only four errors while splitting time at pitcher and shortstop. At the plate, Sanders batted .410, scored 22 runs and knocked in 38 runs.

Wiggins guided the Lady Bulldogs to a 38-10 record dur-

Ronnie Sanders begins title defense with Pigmy 100 win

By Mark Chisum

2006 Pro Late Model Viper Series Champion Ronnie Sanders began his title defense Saturday night with a win in the Pigmy 100. The race is the first of five in the Pro Late Model Viper Series. It was a long journey to Victory Lane for Sanders, who also needed a little late race help to secure the win.

Taylor Satterfield took the lead at the green flag and dominated the early portion of the race, building a four car length lead over Sanders and Andy Pugh in the early going. The real battle was between the veteran Sanders and young gun Pugh. The pair battle for the second spot from the start of the race, with Sanders searching for a way past Pugh. Pugh was able to hold Sanders off, but on lap 32, contact between the two sent Pugh spinning off of turn four. Both Pugh and Sanders were sent to the rear of the field.

That left Duwayne Middlebrooks to take up the challenge on Satterfield. Satterfield kept Middlebrooks behind him until a lap 48 restart when Middlebrooks got a good jump and moved to the inside of Satterfield heading down the front stretch. With Middlebrooks getting the position, Satterfield had to back off and let him take the lead. But Satterfield wasn't giving up the position for good. On lap 68, he worked his way to the inside of Middlebrooks to take the lead back.

While Satterfield and Middlebrooks were battling up front, Sanders and Pugh were making their way back to the front. On lap 84, Sanders got past Middlebrooks to take over the second spot. But it looked as though his charge was going to come up a little short. That is until a little luck intervened.

With two laps to go and Sanders closing, Satterfield ran up on slower traffic. In turn two, he got into the back of Johanna Long, sending Long around. Both Long and Satterfield were sent to the rear of the field, giving Sanders the lead. Sanders led Pugh across the stripe by three car lengths to take the win. Middlebrooks was third with Gregory Tallent II fourth and Michael Pope fifth. In post race inspection, Pugh's ride was found to be heavy on the left side and was disqualified. Pugh's dq moved Middlebrooks, Tallent, and

ing the state championship season, despite playing a schedule that included larger schools, including two 6A schools that made the state tournament.

Following is a list of area players named to the All-State list:

Class 6A
Nicole Walker, Dothan, Sr., Catcher

(Honorable Mention) Natalie Walker, Dothan, Fr., P; Mollie Hanson, Northview, 8th, 2B; Korney Cooper, Northview, Sr., SS; Michelle Johnson, Dothan, Sr., OF; Jordan Herrin, Northview, Sr., C; Kacie McAllister, Dothan, Fr., P/1B.

Class 5A
Kasee Carter, Charles Henderson, Jr., Third-Base; Layne Peacock, Rehobeth, Jr., Pitcher/Outfield

Class 4A
Robyn Jackson, G.W. Long, So.,

Pope up in the finishing order and moved Dakota Stroup into the top five.

In the Modified Feature, Rocky Rogers took the lead with four laps to go to take the win. Mike Daniels led from the start but Rogers got inside position going down the front chute on lap 11 and used a lapped car for a pick heading into turn one to take the lead. Once out front, Rogers pulled away from Daniels to take the win. Lance Blacker was third, followed by Greg Melvin and Shannon Burns.

Kyle Sims led flag to flag to win the Street Stock Feature. Bill Bethea III came from the ninth starting spot and pressured Sims the last half of the race, but couldn't find a way past the leader. Jody Henderson crossed the stripe third ahead of Joe Bethea and Cameron Henderson. Henderson failed post race inspection due to a carburetor infraction, moving Joe Bethea to third. Henderson to fourth, and Billy Ammons to fifth.

In the Roadrunner Feature, Billy Maxie took the lead on lap 18 and went on to take the win. John Singletary took the early lead and led until lap 16 when Tim Peters took over. Maxie followed Peters past Singletary and took the lead two laps later. Maxie led the rest of the way with Peters following.

It was a battle of Jeremy's in the Mini Sportsman Feature, with Jeremy Peacock outrunning Jeremy Geddings. Eddy Hinson took the initial lead and led until Geddings took over on lap four. Peacock, starting in the rear, made his way to second by lap seven. Peacock led at the stripe on lap eight, but Geddings fought back to regain the lead the following lap. Peacock led lap ten with Geddings leading the next two circuits. Peacock grabbed the lead for good on lap 13. Geddings chased him the rest of the way but to no avail.

Shane Riffel used a lap 24 restart to steal away the win in the CopLite Feature. Will Mack led the first 15 laps before Greg Adams took over. Adams appeared headed to victory, enjoying a four car length lead before the caution flew on lap 24. On the restart, Riffel got the inside position going into turn one and took the lead. Waylon Spivey, Mack, and Ken Younce Sr. all got past Adams once he got out of the groove. Riffel led the last two laps.

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(Honorable Mention) India Komegay, Bufaula, Fr., P; Paige Rowland, Bufaula, 8th, C; Kristen Scurlock, Rehobeth, Sr., 2B; Courtney Cherry, Rehobeth, So., C.

Class 4A
Jessica Williams, Ashford, Sr., Outfielder

(Honorable Mention) Morgen Battey, Andalusia, Jr., P; Anna Henderson, Andalusia, Jr., 2B.

Class 3A
(Honorable Mention) Lacey Wiggins, Headland, So., P; Courtney Chancellor, Slocomb, Jr., C; Cassidy Littlefield, Slocomb, 8th, 2B; Morgan Blankenship, Headland, Sr., 3B; Elizabeth Geiger, Slocomb, Jr., OF.

Class 2A
Robyn Jackson, G.W. Long, So.,

Pitcher; Lequisa Stacy, Geneva County, Sr., 2B; Katie King, Samson, Sr., OF; Whitney Gause, Houston Academy, Jr., C; Haley Herring, Geneva County, Sr., C.

(Honorable Mention) Arica Dykes, Wicksburg, So., 3B/SS.

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Kaliegh Sanders, Kinston, Sr., Pitcher/Shortstop; Katy Wiggins, Pleasant Home, Sr., P; Jessi Reeves, Pleasant Home, Sr., OF; Lexi Phillips, Arley, Jr., P/1B; Bethany Holton, Kinston, Fr., P/OF.

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8th annual EOCC golf tournament set for June 14 at Tartan Pines

Enterprise-Ozark Community College will host its Eighth Annual Boll Weevil Golf Tournament (four-person scramble) at Tartan Pines Golf Club in Enterprise on Thursday, June 14, at 1:00 p.m. with shotgun start. The individual entry fee is \$75.00.

As a corporate sponsor, five choices of donations provide different levels of participation. A Tee Sponsorship of a \$100 donation entitles a business to participate as a hole sponsor. A Bronze Sponsorship of a \$125 donation entitles the business to enter one player into the tournament field. A Silver Sponsorship of a \$250 donation entitles the business to enter two players into the tournament field.

A Gold Sponsorship with a \$500 donation provides entry for four players into the tournament field. A Platinum Sponsorship with a \$1000 donation provides entry of eight players into the tournament field. Prominent displays of all sponsor names will be featured at the tournament.

Donations will assist in providing educational support for EOCC students who might otherwise not be able to attend college. The funds are for short-term, no interest loans to help students pay tuition, fee, and book expenses.

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Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Use common courtesy on our waterways

The crappie are biting and the kids want to go skiing. Lakes void of boats a few weeks ago can experience a traffic jam at launch ramps when the weather warms. We all need the break from the stress and hassles of every day life, so it's especially important that we all practice the Golden Rule when we venture outside. Boaters, particularly anglers, face an ever-expanding population of water sports enthusiasts who crowd launching ramps and other facilities on lakes and rivers across the country. Unfortunately, at a time when it is needed most, common courtesy is becoming less common.

The following common sense suggestions from the boating industry will make boating more pleasant for everyone going to and while on the waterways of Alabama.

Trailing- Never forget that you have a boat trailer behind your vehicle. Your rig adds a lot of momentum that increases the amount of time and distance it takes to stop. Don't tailgate; back off to a distance at which you can safely come to a stop if necessary.

If you see that a following vehicle is starting to pass you, slow down to give the vehicle plenty of room to get back into traffic in front.

Don't hug the centerline. Trailers often sway as they round a curve, swinging into the oncoming lane. Stay off the shoulder. Nothing makes the motorist behind you angrier than a shower of gravel thrown onto his windshield by a trailer's tire.

Launch Ramps-Approach launching activity slowly and

scope out the traffic carefully. If there is a line waiting to launch, go to the end of the line. Waiting in line is a good time to get tackle, coolers, clothing, life jackets and other gear stowed in your boat. Check and install the drain plug, pump up fuel bulbs and get the engine ready so you can launch quickly and easily when it's your turn. Don't tie up traffic as you neep your boat.

Be sure you can drive a boat onto a trailer before attempting to pull off such a feat in front a long line of boaters who may be tired and short-tempered. Practice the art of backing a trailer, an empty ramp before you attempt to maneuver on a crowded ramp.

On The Water-When near the launch ramp, never crowd another boat, and be sure to make little or no wake. Minimizing the wake will keep docked boats from being banged against the dock.

The "rules of the water" should be obeyed when passing other boats. These rules are outlined in U.S. Coast Guard pamphlets, which can be obtained at many marinas.

Never consume alcohol while boating! The combination of wind, sun and recreational activity increases the negative effect of alcohol.

Never crowd another angler. How many times have you had someone glide right up to where you were fishing and intrude on your fishing space? Two wrongs don't make a right, so lets practice the "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

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Ray Lolley Gymnasium on the Enterprise-Ozark Community College campus will be the setting for the Second Annual "Next Level" Basketball Camp June 25-28, said EOCC coach John Ayers.

"The camp is for players ages 12 and up," Ayers said. "George Scott and EOCC players, both men and women, will join me as instructors."

"This camp is for those players who are hopeful of taking their

game to the next level, whatever that level may be," Ayers said. "Whether it's to make a team, get more playing time on the existing team they're on or if it's to learn to play better, this camp is for them."

Cost of the camp is \$65 per camper. Camp times are 1:30-6 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Anyone wishing to register for the camp should call Ayers at 324-347-2623 extension 2303.

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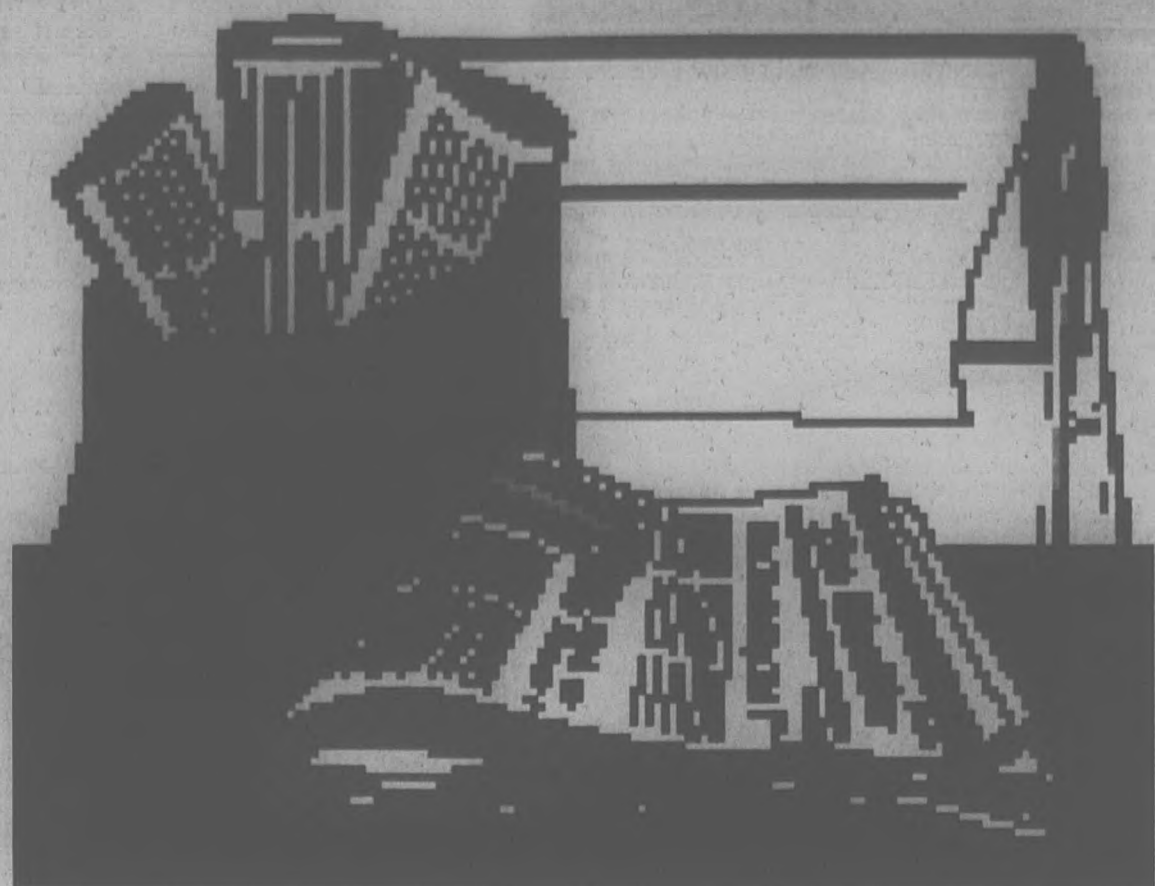


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Fishing reported to be good

Coffee County Lake enjoys successful reopening

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

Fishing at the Coffee County lake returned recently, and according to Jonas Messick, manager, things are going very well.

"The lake had been closed for two years prior to reopening," said Messick. "It was during this time when the lake was drained, cleaned and restocked with fish."

Since taking over responsibilities as manager of the Coffee County Lake, Messick said the major improvement that has been made is getting the grass cut so people can fish off the bank of the lake. He also said he has proposed an overnight camping area to the State and officials are "thinking it over," so to speak.

Another planned future improvement is a new bait shop. At the beginning of next year, Messick said the State is planning to tear down the old bait shop and build a new one. At this point, however, it is only in the planning stages.

"We offer many different kinds of bait and fishing tackle," said Messick.

He said all of the supplies in the bait shop were purchased from the old Elba Bait Shop, owned by the late Doris Farmer.

Messick said the Coffee County Lake Bait Shop offers a wide selection of live baits, such as crickets, mill worms, pink worms, red worms (jumbo and regular) and red worms. There also are various assortments of packaged catfish baits, frozen chicken livers and catapulas worms (when available).

Inside the bait shop, Messick said refreshments such as chips, cookies, and drinks are available for purchase. He added that hamburgers and hot dogs are made to order and served in the future.

When asked about the fishing since reopening the lake,

Messick said, "No one has had any trouble catching their limit."

The first day the lake was open, he said 900 pounds of fish were caught, and on the second day, 700 pounds were caught. "Bream and catfishing has been really good, and bass fishing has been average," said Messick.

He also said he has been telling many people the dumb fish have already been caught, and it takes smart fishermen to catch the smart fish.

The lake is open Tuesday-Sunday from 5:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. On Saturday's the lake will remain open until 10 p.m. On Monday's the lake will be closed all day.

There is a \$2 per day (per person) fishing fee. To launch a personal boat, there is an additional \$2 fee.

Messick said boats are available for rent at a cost of \$3 and trolling motors with batteries may be rented for an additional fee. At this time, he is also offering a special boat rental for two people which includes the boat, trolling motor and battery, two lifevests, an oar and an anchor for \$15. This includes the launch fee but does not include the fishing fee.

"I would just like to invite everyone to come and fish and have fun," said Messick. "Even

if you don't want to fish just enjoy the scenery. We have picnic tables and charcoal grills for a day in the outdoors."

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everyone who has visited the lake and helped keep it clean.

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Louie Reynolds (left) and Larry Herbst (right)

UDC presents awards to volunteers

On Sunday, May 20, the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society met for the last regular meeting of the year. Dr. Jack Oden called the meeting to order and installed the officers and board members for the society for 2007-2008.

Mrs. Shirley Edberg and Mrs. Donna Clark of the General Edmond Winchester Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy presented Judah P. Benjamin Awards to two historical society volunteers.

The awards were presented for outstanding civic contributions. Mrs. Edberg told those present that the award was named for Judah P. Benjamin who was an outstanding statesman and the only Jewish member of President Jefferson Davis' Confederate Cabinet.

The awards were presented to Mr. Louie Reynolds, director of the Enterprise Welcome Center, and to Mr. Larry Herbst, director of the Depot Museum. Both the Welcome Center and the Depot Museum are sponsored by the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society.

These men have volunteered for many years and are in charge of recruiting volunteers and the general management for their individual center. The Enterprise Welcome Center is one of the first locations that visitors and new residents to the community may visit to learn about Enterprise. On the other hand the Depot Museum is a wonderful place for residents, school children, and visitors to learn about the past with its more than 1500 reminders of days gone by.

Dr. Oden presented the program entitled, "Old Time Religion." He discussed the "second spiritual awakening" in our country, which took place in the early 1800s. He entertained those present as he related stories of experiences of the early Circuit Riders as they traveled the frontier with their Bible, songbook, and a copy of Paradise Lost in their saddlebags.

Dr. Oden also told how as many as 5,000 people would come from hundreds of miles to attend the "Camp Meetings" which would sometimes last for a month. They would camp in tents or build lean-tos for shelter.

Dr. Odom ended by "preaching" a part of one of the sermons he had discovered in his research.

The Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society operates three centers, the Enterprise Welcome Center, the Depot Museum, and the Genealogical Library and Gift Shop. For more information about membership in the Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society or for information about becoming a volunteer at one of these centers, call 334-393-2901 or 334-393-3977.

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Federal grant of \$1,597,500 allocated for Elba airport project

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A 5-year plan to bring the Carl Folsom Airport in Elba up to federal standards moved one step closer last week when it was announced Wednesday, June 13, that federal grant funds have been approved for the reconstruction of the runway.

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DORSEY TRAILERS STAFF - all of it as of last Thursday was busy inventorying and checking out equipment in preparation for restarting the production line as soon as possible. Pictured above are Jimmy Hudson, a long, long time employee under several Dorsey owners and officially the first person hired by Pitts Enterprises to restart the plant, and new General Manager David Dorsey. Dorsey is a descendant of the founders of the Elba icon and displayed obvious excitement at returning to Elba and the chance to "make a difference" at Dorsey Trailers.

Several local citizens arrested by Elba Police on various charges

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Captain Wayne Jackson

The Elba floods have been Jackson's most memorable firefighting experiences. He has been employed for six years with the Fort Rucker Fire Department.

Wayne's family includes his wife, Felicity, children, Devin and Brianna Jackson, and stepchildren, Audrey and Ethan Deal. In his spare time, he said he enjoys hunting and fishing.

Coffee County Jail inmates yield garden filled with fruits and vegetables

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A garden filled with fruits and vegetables serves several different purposes at the Coffee County Jail this year as a select group of inmates have worked to create a crop for all to enjoy.

According to R.W. Whitworth, chief deputy for the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, the volunteer-only garden project was a desire of several inmates. He said the inmates approached jail administrator Captain Richard Moss in regards to planting a garden in the Spring. Moss received permission from Sheriff Dave Sutton, and a now thriving garden is the result of that request.

To work in the garden, Whitworth said inmates must meet work release requirements, and everyone that works in the garden is there on a volunteer basis. He said the garden has proven to be a great